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From: Hestmark, Martin
Sent: Thur 8/20/2015 5:34:54 PM
Subject: RE: JIC Action: Reporter Beth Potter following up on my phone call about Clear Creek County (Colorado) mine remediation projects!

I think that would be fine.

From: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 5:39 PM
To: Hestmark, Martin; Murray, Bill
Subject: RE: JIC Action: Reporter Beth Potter following up on my phone call about Clear Creek County (Colorado) mine remediation projects!

Bill could certainly say he cannot answer questions about the release if she leads into that. I can make that clear before we agree to the interview.

I believe her interest is her local area there so it's Clear Creek ... probably some what –if type questions you might want to be ready for.

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To: Murray, Bill
Cc: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa
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Do we think these will be her only questions?

From: Murray, Bill
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 3:49 PM
To: Hestmark, Martin
Subject: FW: JIC Action: Reporter Beth Potter following up on my phone call about Clear Creek County (Colorado) mine remediation projects!

Martin,

I'm fine with talking to the reporter on Clear Creek. Let me know what you prefer.

Bill

From: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 3:43 PM
To: Murray, Bill
Subject: RE: JIC Action: Reporter Beth Potter following up on my phone call about Clear Creek County (Colorado) mine remediation projects!

Can you check with Martin on this – it sounded like he didn't want anyone to do an interview. Let me know.

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From: Murray, Bill

Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 3:35 PM

To: Schmittziel, Paula; Sims, Leslie; Kiefer, Linda

Cc: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa

Subject: RE: JIC Action: Reporter Beth Potter following up on my phone call about Clear Creek County (Colorado) mine remediation projects!

Lisa,

I'd be happy to speak with the reporter. The Clear Creek NPL site is a state lead, which means that CDPHE is in the driver's seat, but EPA works closely with them on all CERCLA activities. Les is our RPM and if he could join me that would be best. How urgent is it to get back to Beth?

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From: Schmittziel, Paula

Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 3:21 PM

To: Murray, Bill; Sims, Leslie; Kiefer, Linda

Subject: FW: JIC Action: Reporter Beth Potter following up on my phone call about Clear Creek County (Colorado) mine remediation projects!

All – Can you help Lisa with this reporter's questions – this is all the result of the release at the Gold King 2 weeks ago. Thank you.

Paula Schmittiel

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From: Beth Potter [mailto:beth@evergreenco.com]

Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 2:49 PM

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Subject: Reporter Beth Potter following up on my phone call about Clear Creek County (Colorado) mine remediation projects!

Hi, Lisa!

Great to talk to you earlier today!

As I said, I'm writing a story about mine remediation projects in Clear Creek County.

This is mainly because the U.S. Forest Service is working on a clean-up project at Santiago Mine near Idaho Springs on an urgent basis.

As I did more research on what's going on at the Santiago Mine, I found a map indicating that there are several mine remediation projects in Clear Creek County. The map was put out by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. However, when I asked the spokeswoman there for details of the projects, she said information came from several different sources. I'm trying to track down which agencies are involved with which remediation projects on that map.

Here's the link:

https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/Animas_LegacyMineWork.pdf

You asked me for a list of questions:

1. I would love to get a comment from you about how the Environmental Protection Agency is involved with any of those projects.

I found a story about remediation at the Argo Mine in Idaho Springs from 2012 that indicated that the EPA may have been involved in the water treatment plant to clean it up at that point.

<http://www.clearcreekcourant.com/content/argo-tunnel-water-treatment-plant-getting-18-million-upgrade-increase-efficiency>

2. I would love to get some statistics about federal clean-up projects in Clear Creek County in the past. (How much was spent, if there are others to be done, etc.)

3. Does the EPA have its own map of remediation projects? I had a hard time navigating the EPA website, but maybe there's a spot that I didn't check that would have a lot of this information?

Thanks in advance for your help!

Sincerely,

Beth Potter

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